

HR 311

Spending Reform Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jan 21, 2009
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Feb 3, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2009
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 393	Related bill	Feb 24, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.
111 HR 534	Related bill	Feb 24, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2009)

Spending Reform Act of 2009 - Amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require the concurrent budget resolution to include discretionary spending limit for five successive fiscal years.

Sets forth points of order against consideration of legislation in Congress (currently, only the Senate) that would exceed for any fiscal year discretionary spending limit established in the most recent concurrent budget resolution for that fiscal year (currently, the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985 [Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act]).

Makes such point of order inapplicable if a declaration of war by Congress is in effect.

Sets forth points of orders for consideration of certain concurrent budget resolutions. Establishes discretionary spending limit for FY2010 as the number set forth in the FY2010 budget resolution.

Permits waivers or suspension of such requirements, or successful appeals from rulings of the Chair, only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths (60) of the Senate.

Establishes the Federal Agency Sunset Commission to review and report to Congress on the efficiency and public need for each federal agency, recommending abolishment or reorganization.

Provides for relocation of federal employees if their agency is abolished.

Requires the Comptroller General and the Director of Congressional Budget Office (CBO), in cooperation with the Director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), to inventory federal programs to advise and assist Congress and the Commission in carrying out such requirements.

Establishes a Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform.

Sets forth a point of order against consideration of legislation containing a congressional earmark or limited tax or tariff benefit.

Establishes the Securing America's Future Economy Commission to examine the long-term fiscal challenges facing the United States and develop legislation designed to address specified issues. Authorizes the President and the House and Senate Budget Committees to propose alternative legislation.

Requires the long-term CBO cost estimate of such proposals to be published in the Congressional Record.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to House Budget
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to House Rules
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform